

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

**JUNE 16, 2015**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Council members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Council member, Craig Smith, was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

**PUBLIC HEARING: ADA GRANT CITY CENTER:** The meeting was opened for a public hearing on the ADA grant for the City Center. Deb Lilly was present to answer any questions. Lilly said the City will move forward on July 10<sup>th</sup> with an application to OCRA for ADA accessibility to the new city center. We will be requesting \$304,347.00 in grant funds and \$36,000.00 from the City's Cedit fund as a match. We should be notified sometime in September if the City will receive the reward. Lilly said we need letters of support. Lilly asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none. Conner made a motion to close the public hearing. Bridges seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

**PUBLIC HEARING: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION EMS:** Clerk-Treasurer Copley explained that this was to cover costs for the contract with C L. Coonrod and Company. Pavey asked if there were any questions or concerns from the public. There were none. Bridges made a motion to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

**MINUTES:** Conner made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. We had a wrap up meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> for the grand prix.
2. We had a TIF downtown meeting. The boundaries are being set up.
3. Duke Energy honored Carolyn Bunzendahl as the region's community contributor.
4. This past weekend we had the 1<sup>st</sup> concert featuring Stephen Pearcy.
5. We had a HCI meeting and we had the ability to select from leadership, economy, or quality of life. We are currently the only community that chose anything outside of the quality of life. We chose economy.
6. We had a brownfield meeting yesterday.

7. We will have a meeting with the County on the 18<sup>th</sup> regarding the APC/BZA.
8. Campbell's Auto will sponsor the Lego movie in the park this Friday night.
9. The Rush County fair will be June 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.
10. There will be a fiber meeting regarding levels of fiber readiness.
11. We will be having a conference call regarding the old EIDD to discuss information on how to move forward.
12. The park summer camp program is July 6-10.
13. The retention pond construction is complete. The structures leading to and from the pond still need to be put in.
14. ARa is working on the DR2 grant for the Rush Mobile Home Park. All residents will be contacted and need to respond to the income survey.
15. The architect for the Princess Theater will be meeting with the committee on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
16. The structures are on site for the Farmers Market.
17. INDOT and CSX have paid the City for the rail crossing closing.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Clerk-Treasurer Copley informed Council that she and the Mayor will be meeting with the DLGF on the 2016 budget on July 22.

The budget adoption deadline is October 30<sup>th</sup>.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline to adopt salaries for 2016.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Bridges said he represented the Mayor at the Milroy Economic Development Corporation golf outing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** All items were discussed under Mayor's reports.

- Amphitheater/Park Board –
- Marketing –
- APC/BZA Building Code –
- City Center –

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Street-** Miller said the Board of Works approved hiring Bryce Thomas to replace Brad Koehler as a seasonal employee.

Three Street Department employees will attend asbestos training. We will add a stipend to next year's budget for these employees.

**Police** – Chief Tucker said Officer Shaver was named officer of the year by the American Legion. Shaver was the local and the district 10 recipient. He will compete for the state officer of the year.

The Board of Works approved hiring Christian Bradley for the dispatcher position.

Charles Tate was promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Brandon Meyer will be given a conditional offer of employment as a patrolman.

**Fire** – Assistant Fire Chief Munson said the advanced ALS testing will be rescheduled.

The Board of Works approved the maintenance agreement for medical equipment.

**Animal** – Pavey passed out the intake report for April and May. There was an intake of 81 animals. 26 were from the hoarding incident and those animals were placed in rescue. 16 animals were euthanized.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Drainage Trailer Court South of Town** – Mayor Pavey said we are working on a resolution to the problem. Deb Lilly is having conversations with the owners of the park. We are continuing through the grant process. Gary Anderson said he talked to the State Health Department. He asked if the City would spray for mosquitoes. Miller said they would.
2. **Farm Contract Amendment Update** – The next step will consist of the Liggetts going before the APC for a subdivision and rezone.
3. **Property Adjacent to Merrill Magee** – Julie Newhouse is working on this matter.
4. **Vacation of Alley Adjacent to Jail** – We are gathering more information regarding the vacation of the alley.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Kevin Kreckler Insurance Update** – Pavey explained that Kevin Kreckler came before the Board of Works and explained that he had bid out the City's insurance. He suggested that we change our coverage from EMC to Selective. Kreckler said it would save the City approximately \$5,000.00 and they offer more flexibility and better coverage. He also suggested that we remain with IPEP for our workman's comp policy. The Board of Works moved to approve the suggestion of Kreckler.
2. **Joint Resolution With County for Levee Records and Maintenance** – Pavey said the resolution has been approved by the County. Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-8. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution 2015-7 Authorizing Match for ADA Grant** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-7. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **Ordinance 2015-4 Additional Appropriation EMS** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2015-4. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Waggoner Pool Study** – Corey Whitesell from HWC Engineering gave a brief report regarding their pool study. The Board of Works approved to move forward with a portable handicap lift. Whitesell mentioned other items that would be feasible for our pool. He suggested changing some of the chemicals that are currently being used. Some other suggestions were aquatics for all age groups, changing out for a larger slide, a multi-level toy structure, a lily pad walk, a basketball goal, and a rock climbing wall. He said these would be very cost effective changes. Whitesell said one feature can be done at a time. He said splash pads are also becoming very popular and do not require lifeguards. He suggested that a splash pad not be placed inside the pool fence and that the City might even consider putting one downtown.
6. **Weed removal & lawn maintenance** – Pavey passed out a rate schedule for lawn maintenance and clean-up. He said we have checked rental rates with the private sector to come up with our numbers. We will give more detail as the numbers are finalized.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL:** Berkemeier made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Councilman Berkemeier reminded everyone of Relay for Life this weekend at South Veterans Memorial Park.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before Council; Conner made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.